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These perhaps add something of value. One is less sure of the wisdom of printing the parallel texts of Acts at the bottom of the page.

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An Introduction to the Life of Jesus: An Investigation of the Historical Sources. By ALFRED WILLIAMS ANTHONY, Professor of New Testament Exegesis and Criticism, Cobb Divinity School. Boston: Silver, Burdette & Co. 1896. Pp. 206.

This little work comes opportunely. Probably no time has ever equaled ours in its concern over the evidence that goes to establish the trustworthiness of the sources which contain the facts of the life of Jesus. While we have had many books upon apologetics, those which have dealt exclusively with this form of evidence have not been numerous, or at least sufficiently readable. Professor Anthony's work is, therefore, welcome as an attempt to meet the need.

His aim is not to discuss the times or the circumstances of Jesus' life, but to present the evidence upon which we may accept the historicity of our gospel accounts. He therefore has gathered together and discussed such statements of heathen and Jewish writers as bear upon this point; he has examined the apocryphal gospels, agrapha, patristic writings, and the epistles of Paul and the gospels. By this process he has presented a great number of the most important facts that give weight to a belief in the validity of Christian faith, and has incidentally discussed the synoptic and Johannine problems. If we overlook occasional stylistic peculiarities, the work must be said to have been well done. We cannot agree with the author's conclusions in regard to the synoptic problem, but this is not the most important portion of the book. Professor Anthony has really given us a book upon documentary Christian evidences admirably adapted for use by thoughtful men and women who are not professional students, as well as by students just beginning the study of the life of Jesus. In this particular it will be serviceable if used in connection with the handbook of Professor Gilbert (*The Student's Life of Jesus*) noticed in the October number of the BIBLICAL WORLD.

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Die Propheten in ihrer ursprunglichen Form. Die Grundgesetze der ursemitischen Poesie erschlossen und nachgewiesen in Bibel, Keilinschriften, und Koran, und in ihren Wirkungen erkannt in den Chören der griechischen Tragödie. Von DR. D. H. MÜLLER. I Band: Prolegomena und Epilegomena, pp. 1–256. II Band: Hebräische Texte, pp. 1–70, Arabische Texte, pp. 1–64. Wien: Alfred Hölder, 1896. M. 16.

The characteristic features of ancient Semitic religious poetry according to Professor Müller were mainly four: (1) strophical structure; (2) *responsion*, or the correspondence of strophes, the so-called *parallelismus membrorum*